and Southern regions respectively. Therefore, it is not appropriate to club the candidates from Orissa with those from Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh for the purpose of recruitment into the Army.

No relaxation in the minimum physical standards of height is available for recruitment in the Air Force and the Navy from Orissa.

MiG Crashed

32. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether another MiG crashed on October 26,2005 near Bangalore, if so, the cause of the crash;

(b) the number and types of MiGs left with the Indian Air Force; and

(c) whether any common defect or deficiency has been identified in the MiG fleet and the steps taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident.

(b) Details can not be divulged due to security reasons.

(c) No, Sir. However, measures are being continuously undertaken to upgrade/improve the Indian Air Force fleet, including the MiG version, to keep pace with the latest developments.

Crash of UAVs

†33. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned aircraft that crashed during the last two years till date;

(b) whether a number of persons have been killed or injured in such crashes and the financial loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;

(c) whether inquiry has been conducted in each such crash;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) A total number of 4 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) of Defence Forces have crashed during the last two years, till date. Out of these 4 UAVs, 2 UAVs where of the Indian Air Force, while the remaining 2 were of the Indian Army. The details of the accident alongwith the cause, number of persons killed/injured and the financial loss is given in the statement (See below).

A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Defence Forces to enhance and upgrade safety of UAVs. A Court of Inquiry is ordered to investigate the cause of the accident and to suggest remedial measures. Measures to enhance the quality of training are being pursued. Constant interaction with the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) is maintained on all maintenance issues. Tactics have been formulated to avert aerial threat to UAV from enemy aircraft during operation missions.

Statement

Datails of accidents

AIR FORCE

SI. No	Year	No. of UAVs Crashed	No.of persons (Killed/ Injured)	Cause of the Crash	Financial loss
1.	2003-2004	1	-1	Human Error (Aircrew)	UAV-Rs.5.33 crores Property -Rs. 24,530
2.	2004-05	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	2005-06 (till date)	1	Nil	Court of Inquiry(Col) is in progress	Will be ascertained once Col is finalised

ARMY

Sl. No	Year	No. of UAVs Crashed	No. of persons (Killed/ Injured)	Cause of the Crash	Financial loss
1.	2003-04	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	2004-05	2	Nil	The crashes have occurred due to system failure	the Original Equipment Manufacturers(OEMs) have agreed to repair the UAVs free of cost.
3.	2005-06 (till date)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Recruitment policy in Goa Shipyard

34. SHRI SANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ship vessels built by Goa Shipyard in the last ten years and essential features of of these ships/vessels;

(b) whether Goa Shipyard has a recruitment policy;

(c) whether the policy requires priority to be given to the candidates from the State; and

(d) the number of employees employed in the Goa Shipyard in various categories, who hail from the State of Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) A total number of 25 ships in various categories which include Missile Crafts, Offshore Patrol Vessels, Harbour Utility Tugs, Extra Fast Attack Crafts, Hydrographic Survey Vessels, Fast Patrol Vessels, Damage Control Simulators, BSF Outposts Hull, Survival at Sea Training Facility, etc., have been built at Goa Shipyard in the last ten years.